

SSRTA NEWS

August 2023

Our Next Luncheon on September 20th.

To Be Announced

Luncheon Dates for Fall 2023

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 13th

Luncheon Dates for Spring 2024

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- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 19th

Birthdays for August 2023

- 1st - Jan Bryant
- 7th - Rose Thomas
- 8th - Cheryl Kozlow
- 8th - Barbara Maloney
- 15th - Debbie Sumner
- 16th - Veronica Gregory
- 17th - Conrad Wayne
- 21st - Ingeborg Wurm
- 25st - Peggy Dwyer
- 28th - Virginia Aldridge
- 30th - Janet Lence

August News

Hello, SSRTA Family,

Summer has been showing off its wide range of looks since I last wrote to you, and recently it has been expressing its Lovin' Spoonful side: check out this site:

<https://youtu.be/5YgevxRGXIU>

Remember to check out our SSRTA Unit 19 Facebook page and our website,

<https://www.ssртаunit19.com>

A bit of humor for your (I hope) enjoyment:
As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, I'm sure of two things: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

There have been a few more smoky days from the Canadian wildfires, but the skies have mostly been bright and sunny. Some of us have been chatting at the Park Forest Aqua Center, some of us

Photos for the SSRTA Website and FB

If you took any pictures at the Luncheons in 2022 and would like to share, please email them to Tony for posting to the SSRTA website and the SSRTA FB page. Thanks!!

Members Note!

This is OUR SSRTA Newsletter - it belongs to all the members of the South Suburban Retired Teachers Association. If there is something you wish to add to make our retirement more fun, more enjoyable or more engaging, please send a note describing your idea to Larry Schwarberg - SSRTA President - at his email address (found on the last page of this Newsletter).

Any Suggestions you may have concerning anything we do - or don't do - in SSRTA, please share them with us.

have been on/are heading out on trips, and some of us have been lovingly tending our gardens. Continue to enjoy the wonders of the season.

If we missed your August birthday, it's because we have no record of it. You can send a missing/corrected birthday to

Janet Lence jlence16500@att.net

Jan Vinson ssrta.jvinson@gmail.com

or Larry Schwarberg pfherrlls@yahoo.com

Our next luncheon will occur on Wednesday, September 20th at a location still to be determined. Please mark the date on your calendar(s). We are still looking for someone to be our Program Planner/Co-Planners. Please contact me, Larry Schwarberg, at pfherrlls@yahoo.com if you are interested. It doesn't require a lot of energy or time. We'd appreciate your help.

There are no minutes or reports to share because the officers did not have an Executive Committee Meeting in July. Possible fall meeting venues are Grady's Grill, Mindy's, Wiley's, and Brian's in Monee. Possible fall programs: a state legislator; an IRTA representative; another HKF presentation; and a choral or other musical group. We will also have our December holiday party and raffle.

This is the latest legislative update from IRTA, dated July 24.

Legislators remain active in their home districts serving constituents and fundraising for the upcoming election season. Since June 30th, when Governor Pritzker signed 155 pieces of legislation, he has not signed any more bills into law. The number of bills pending governor action remains at 300. The Governor has 60 days to act after a bill has been sent to his office, and the General Assembly took most of

the allowed 30 days after passage to send legislation. The Veto Session will be on October 24 - 26 and November 7-9.

House Hearing on Possible Tier 2 Pension Changes

The House Personnel and Pensions Committee held its first public meeting this summer on July 19 in Chicago, two months after House pension leaders announced plans to tackle pension reform during the summer recess. The committee expressed a desire to address the unfunded liability and the inadequacies of the Tier 2 pension structure.

Follow local elections at <https://www.irtaonline.org>

The 2023 IRTA convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL on October 16-17.

You can register and pay for your delegates/non-delegates online at <https://www.irtaonline.org/association/convention-2023>. IRTA will be conducting a “Silent Auction” which will benefit the IRTPAC (Illinois Retired Teachers Political Action Committee). Donations such as tickets to sporting events, “get-away” packages, sports memorabilia, collectibles, or gifts that represent your county are always crowd pleasers.

<https://www.irtaonline.org/association/convention-2023/>

Each local unit is encouraged to nominate a member to honor at the convention, and Unit 19 is proud to announce that our person of distinction for 2023 is **Liz Miller**, our Facebook guru.

Looking forward to being with you again in September,

Larry

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